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Propositions

1. In today's interventions, a historically new feature is that military and civilian intervening actors often are expected to achieve coherence in the field.
2. The majority of extant theories on interventions in International Relations focus on the prelude to the actual intervention rather than on the conduct of the intervention itself.
3. Among those studies theorizing the actual interventions, many are either inductive or narrow in scope, focusing on one set of actors, such as the peacebuilders.
4. There is a need for an analytical framework for interventions that can cover all groups of intervening actors, and that account for evolution and change over time.
5. An analytical framework of interventions that focuses on the identification processes of the intervening actors give insights into why they are intervening and illuminate their relationship to those intervened upon.
6. From the case of Afghanistan, it appears that the various groups of intervening actors engaged with rather different Others – and had diverging visions for them.
7. The proposed analytical framework can be applied in any interventions and with different sets of actors. It will help us understand better the dynamics between international intervening actors and local actors.